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City of Barrie

Final

Heritage Barrie Committee

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 | **6:30 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Affordability Committee on December 13, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, C. Riepma at 6:32 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Councillor C. Riepma
Councillor A.M. Kungl
Vice Chair C. Froese
C. Colebatch
D. Exel
C. Kosokowsky
K. MacKinnon
S. Mackinnon
S. Marchant
P. Stevenson

STAFF:
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Planner, L. Munnoch
Project Manager of Capital Facilities, N. Calder
Supervisor of Growth Management, T. Wierzba.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

ALLANDALE TRANSIT MOBILITY HUB

Natalie Calder, Project Manager of Capital Facilities provided an update on the status of the Allandale Transit Terminal also known as the Allandale Transit Mobility Hub. She did note that findings from the heritage impact assessment indicated that there are no heritage impacts on this property. The Committee asked a number of questions of Ms. Calder related to design concept, timelines, architecture, and the historical elements of the building, and received responses.

CITY STAFF UPDATE FROM HERITAGE ORIENTATION SESSION

Liam Munnoch, Planner provided an outlined of the Heritage Orientation Session he attended hosted by Burt Duclos. He provided an overview of what he learned related to heritage planning, historic preservation, roles and responsibilities of heritage committees, and the use of a values based approach to heritage.

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET

Councillor, C. Riepma provided an update on the Committee's budget. The Committee provided feedback on the budget and discussed potential 2024 expenditures.

The Committee approved an expenditure from the Heritage Barrie Committee budget up to $300.00 to purchase promotional material such as a new Committee banner, trolley and handouts to be used at events.

HERITAGE BARRIE AWARDS

Liam Munnoch provided an overview of the nominations received for the Heritage Barrie Awards, The Committee reviewed the nominations and selected recipients in the following categories:

- Commercial - one recipient;
- Individual - two recipients;
- Organization - one recipient; and
- Residential - two recipients.

The Committee discussed preparations for the award ceremony which will be scheduled during a City Council meeting in February/March, 2024.

Mr. Munnoch advised that he plans to send correspondence to the recipients of the Heritage Barrie Awards.

STATUS OF THE MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management and Liam Munnoch, Planner provided an update on the status of the properties located at 194 Collier Street and 125 to 127 Dunlop Street East as it relates to the Municipal Heritage Register.

The Committee discussed the proposed closing of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, the historical nature of the building, and the potential loss to Barrie as this is one of the municipality's oldest churches. The Committee discussed options to preserve the property as heritage.

The Committee discussed recommending that heritage designation of St. Andrews Presbyterian be expedited to avoid the potential demolition of the historical building.

Councillor C. Riepma advised he will discuss with staff in Legislative and Court Services Department the option of presenting a direct motion to City Council concerning St. Andrews Church and recommending that a heritage evaluation assessment be completed on the property using the Committee's existing funds for the potential designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

COMMITTEE'S RESEARCH ON HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

This matter was deferred to a future Committee meeting.

HISTORIC NEIGHBOURHOOD GUIDES

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an update concerning the Historic Neighbourhood Guides. The Committee discussed the printing costs and the amount of guides to print.

The Committee approved an expenditure from the Heritage Barrie Committee budget up to $300,00 for the printing costs associated with Historic Neighbourhood Guides, which is in addition to the $4,000.00 previously approved by the Committee at their meeting on October 24, 2023.

UTILITY BOX WRAPS

Councillor, C. Riepma advised that he has no updates concerning the Utility Box Wraps.

SIMCOE COUNTY JAIL (GAOL)

The Committee discussed the Simcoe County Jail (GAOL). Councillor C. Riepma indicated that he has a meeting with M.P.P. Doug Downey and will ask about the status the Simcoe County Jail, and report back to a future Committee meeting.

OFFICIAL PLAN PROVINCIAL MODIFICATION REVIEW AND ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an update on the Official Provincial Modification Review and Zoning By-law in relation to historic neighbourhoods.

Mr. Wierzba advised that Mayor Nuttall hosted a Town Hall meeting on November 22, 2023 concerning Barrie's Official Plan and Provincial Modifications which provided an opportunity for members of the public to provide their input on the plan.

HERITAGE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Pauline Stevenson, member of the Heritage Barrie Committee declared a potential pecuniary on the foregoing matter as she is an owner of a designated heritage property. She did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter but remained in the Sir Robert Barrie Room.

The Committee discussed the heritage property tax relief program as outlined in the Memorandum from L. Munnoch, Planner dated November 28, 2023. The Committee agreed with the development of a heritage property tax relief program under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

DEVELOPMENT OF A HERITAGE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

That staff in the Development Services and Finance Departments be directed to develop a heritage property tax relief program under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, as outlined in the Memorandum from L. Munnoch, Planner to Heritage Barrie Committee dated November 28, 2023, and report back to Heritage Barrie Committee. (23-G-157)

Pauline Stevenson, member of the Heritage Barrie Committee declared a potential pecuniary on the foregoing matter as she is an owner of a designated heritage property. She did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter but remained in the Sir Robert Barrie Room.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Affordability Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 12/13/2023.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

HERITAGE IDEAS FOR THE 2024 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROGRAM

This matter has been deferred to a future meeting.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management advised that there were no development applications to be discussed by the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CHAIRMAN